

April 1, 2016

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Maryland State Senate  
220 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: Support of the Greenbelt Stream Valley Trail Project

Dear Senator Pinsky,

The City of Greenbelt is extremely pleased to welcome residents from our new residential community, Greenbelt Station. A much needed pedestrian and bicycle path, named the Stream Valley Trail, has been planned in association with this development to connect with regional trail systems and provide improved access to the Greenbelt Metro station. The trail traverses State-owned property located adjacent to Cherrywood Lane and is currently undergoing review with the Department of General Services (DGS) and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The City Council requests your assistance in expediting the review of this project and your support in approving the use of the State owned property for the trail.

This important trail link provides a critical connection opportunity between our newest neighborhood, the broader Greenbelt community, and the surrounding area by tying into the City's designated bike routes and the Paint Branch Trail regional trail system. It has been the City's goal to promote safe bicycle and pedestrian corridors that support alternative transportation commuting and enhance recreational access to natural areas.

The City hopes that processing of the project's easement request and approval by the Board of Public Works will not unduly delay construction of this project. Both our current and new residents, as well as all Maryland citizens, will greatly benefit from construction of the trail. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor, City of Greenbelt

CC: The Honorable Anne Healey  
The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines  
The Honorable Alonzo T. Washington  
City Council  
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